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Harford County Executive Glassman Names Sylvia W. Bryant Acting Deputy Director of Community Services

BEL AIR, Md., (July 28, 2015) - Harford County Executive Barry Glassman is pleased to name Sylvia W. Bryant deputy director of the Department of Community Services. Ms. Bryant is currently manager of the Office of Human Relations, a division of Community Services.

"Sylvia has demonstrated many talents in her current role and I am pleased to name her for promotion to deputy director," said County Executive Glassman. "Our citizens will be well served by her strong community relationships and wide-ranging experience, including her work on behalf of children, youth and families, and our aging population."

As deputy director, Ms. Bryant will serve under Director of Community Services Amber Shrodes.

"I am delighted to work with Sylvia in her new role," said Director Shrodes. "She is highly respected in the community, and her skill set will be an asset as we move forward on issues including heroin addiction and homelessness."

Ms. Bryant has more than a decade of experience in the Department of Community Services, beginning in the Office of Drug Control Policy, where she assisted in prevention initiatives, and in the Office of Human Relations, where she supported the Human Relation's Commission and the Commission for Women. Moving up in 2011 to manage the Office of Human Relations, she worked to ensure harmony, equity and equality for all citizens. Her efforts included

investigating and resolving complaints of unlawful discrimination, identifying barriers to equal opportunity and strengthening diverse community relationships.

Ms. Bryant is a doctor of theology and holds both a master's degree and a bachelor's degree in religious arts from Logos Bible College and Graduate Schools in Jacksonville, Florida. She is a resident of Abingdon.

In accordance with the Harford County Charter, deputy directors in the executive branch are appointed by the county executive and subject to confirmation by the County Council.



Photo L to R: Amber Shrodes, director of Community Services; Sylvia W. Bryant, acting deputy director of Community Services; Barry Glassman, Harford County executive